

The New Year has dawned on us with bright assurance that the tide of prosperity which set in during the year now numbered with the past, will continue to flow on, reviving our industries, employing our labor and stimulating new enterprises. Our country is at peace with the outside world and likely to remain so for some time, and should no intestine strife of a serious nature arise, and should Congress let good enough alone in the way of finances, we have much to expect during the year. Trade everywhere and in nearly every article is reviving, and the farmer, pleased with the results of his last year's labor, will double his energies and his crops to supply the demand constantly increasing by reason of failures and failures in the Old World. Our future is vastly brighter than when we started out on the journey of 1879, and if everybody is up and doing, 1880 will show a record of peace and prosperity and plenty, that will take the old inhabitants back again to the realization of the good old days "before the war."

The Legislature met on Wednesday and after sixteen ballots elected Hon. J. M. Bigger, of Paducah, Speaker. His competitors were Bush, McElroy, Merriweather and Smith. Afterward, H. V. Prather was elected Clerk of the Senate; J. L. Sneed, Assistant Clerk; Thomas Marcum, Sergeant-at-Arms; Harding, Doorkeeper. Col. T. G. Poore was elected Clerk of the House; F. Polk Johnson, Assistant Clerk; Wm. E. Bailey, Sergeant-at-Arms; Saunders, Doorkeeper.

The King of Spain, while riding with his Queen, was shot at on Wednesday, by a man named Gonzales, but the aim was poor, and the bullet entered the side of the carriage a few inches from the Queen's head. Gonzales will be beheaded.

Stock in Edison's electric light is selling at over \$3,000 per share of \$100.

NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

—Maine wears a warlike air, but Gov. Cleveland is master of the situation.

—A bill to compel Congress to give negroes a fair representation in all juries, is pending in the Virginia Legislature.

—And now the Trustees of the Cincinnati Southern Railway want another million dollars for terminal purposes.

—The estate of Wm. S. O'Brien, of San Francisco, was valued by appraisers last week and found to be worth \$9,555,459.77.

—The records show that during the past year 23,165 people died in New York to 23,332 births. The marriages number 8,285.

—The Indiana war claims, growing out of the Morgan raid, amounting to \$413,111.15, have been filed with the Secretary of War.

—Green, Dill & Co., a leading wholesale and retail firm of Louisville, suspended on Tuesday. Assets said to be \$75,000; liabilities, \$54,000.

—Gen. Grant and party left Washington City Tuesday for the South. Gen. Sheridan accompanies them. They will take steamer at Fernandina, Fla., for Havana.

—At Bonville, Mo., on the 20th, Col. John F. Phillips, of Paducah, was nominated by the Democrats to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Congressman Alfred M. Lay.

—Fred R. Jaynes, who was acting as Santa Claus at a Christmas tree in Paris, Ky., was burned to death Christmas night, by his clothing, which was covered with cotton, catching fire from a taper that burned in the tree.

—At 2 o'clock Monday morning, one or two squares in the very heart of the city of Boston was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. The famous publishing house of Houghton & Osgood, of the Atlantic Monthly, was partially destroyed.

—The Standard says that John Tappan, Representative from Adair, arrived at Lebanon, on Monday, en route to Frankfort showing strong symptoms of the derangement of his mind. He still in Lebanon but is apparently no more. He is 60 years of age, a farmer by occupation, and is of sober and steady habits.

—Ernest Fred. Charles Vonies, Hinton & Co.'s fancy clerk, took \$20,000 from the firm, and just as it was about to be found out, he eloped or Cuba, but, on being captured in New Orleans by detectives, he drew a powder from his pocket, swallowed it, and in half an hour, was a corpse. Wine, women and cards were the causes of his downfall.

—A young woman, in the "enclined" society of Boston, shot and killed her mother with whom she was sleeping, on the night of the 20th. She was in love with a young hotel clerk, and her mother, who was an extremely handsome widow of 37, seemed so to think more of the clerk than she ought to have. This caused the daughter with jealousy and caused the rash and inhuman act.

—The catastrophe on the North British Railway, Scotland, which happened on the 23rd of December, is among the most terrible in the history of Railroad accidents. The train, consisting of four third-class, one first-class and one second-class cars, and the brakemen's van, left Edinburgh at 4:15 in the afternoon, and in crossing the bridge across the Frith of Tay, near the city of Dundee, plunged down from a height of eighty-eight feet into the river, and into water the average depth of which at that point is about forty-five feet. The train was seen crossing the bridge, then there was "a sudden flash of fire," and then silence. The burial of Finnoch and his host in the waters of the Firth of Tay, could not have been more complete. No one survives to tell the tale. The only evidences of the wreck are the pieces of rods, doors, articles of wearing apparel, mailbags, etc., washed ashore. Thirteen girder

of the bridge, each 245 feet wide, were washed away. The structure was 2,450 yards in length, and consisted of 85 spans, varying from 245 to 28 feet each. In addition to these, there was one span of 100 feet, with bowstring girders, and three spans with girder girders, adjoining the north end of the bridge. It was considered a marvel of skillful engineering, and had been tested with locomotives to the weight of 475 tons, which it stood apparently without a jar.

BOYLE COUNTY.

—Dr. Boyle, of the firm of Boyle & Fleece, has sold his interest in the grocery business to Ray Winburn.

—MARRIAGE.—At her mother's residence in Danville, Dec. 23th, Miss Maggie Gentry Scott to Mr. A. E. Hogg, of Kansas City, Mo.

—Wm. P. Blake, the jeweler, on Christmas day raffled a cluster-diamond ring, valued at \$75. Miss Sue Belle Fible held the lucky number.

—Mr. Wesley Greer and Dr. W. B. Harlan have bought out Lundy & Kincaid and will continue business at the old stand, under the firm name Greer & Harlan.

—Our County Clerk, whom Captain Thompson has denounced "the incompetent," has issued marriage licenses to David League and Mary E. Johnson; W. B. Walker and Kate Caldwell.

—While out hunting on Monday St. Goodloe accidentally shot and dangerously wounded John Shugart, both colored boys. With the harm in this unfortunate mishap there has also mingled a little good, as Ed says it has "cured two niggers a bundle."

—With tragic wail and agonized accompaniment the man of the impressive stride cries: "Friends, I'm penniless and dry. Whose got a Christmas heart?"

—And with heroic self-denial they "rise up as one man," propose to "take a hair of the dog that bit you."

—Nicholas White, a young man from the lower end of the county, was adjudged a lunatic on Thursday last. During the inebriated young St. Louis lawyer came in and being the only stranger present, was, of course, supposed to be "the rindler," and hence attracted many looks of interest and commiseration.

—PERSONAL.—Robert Rhodes, of Bowling Green, was in town this week. Jan. G. Givens, of Louisville, spent a few days in the county. J. J. Boggett and wife spent the holidays with Rev. R. H. Johnson. Chas. and Clancy Edwards are at home. Prof. James W. and Wm. Chas. of Louisville, were in Danville on Wednesday. Miss Mary Shelby is in the county, and will receive with Miss Kirk on New Year's day from 6 P. M. to 12.

—CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sherwood Hundley, Miss Waters, of Shelby county, was given a most delightful party on the 23th.

—On the 20th the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Fox were elegantly entertained by Miss Annie Shelby at her country home. On the same evening a dancing party was given by Mr. Ben Bright.

—The little folks of the Christian Church, are still in progress. Up to Tuesday, there had been 27 conversions, with the flattering prospect that many more were to follow. Some of the new members are among the best citizens of the community. May the good work go on.

—The Mt. Vernon Male and Female Academy will begin its fifth session next Monday, Jan. 5th. Professor J. I. Whitehead, is Principal, and Prof. A. G. Lovell, is his competent Assistant. The school building has recently been refitted with the latest improved desks and other modern school fixtures. It is gratifying to know that the future of this school promises to be bright.

—FIRM CHANGE.—M. F. Brinkley is no more. That is to say, he is not by himself. It is a firm now, and the firm is Brinkley & Thompson. It is composed of M. F. Brinkley & F. L. Thompson. Of Mr. B. there is no need to speak. He is well and favorably known. In introducing Mr. Thompson to the business world it is a pleasure to say that he is a representative gentleman, of fine business capacity, and in short, "a man of parts." Brinkley & Thompson propose during the year 1880, to keep the best stock of goods in Mt. Vernon. They will have any thing you want, and will sell every article for the lowest cash price. They respectfully invite the patronage of the public. Call and see them if you want bargains.

—CHRISTMAS NOTES.—The Christmas tree for the benefit of the little folks of the Sunday School at the Court-house last Thursday night, afforded much enjoyment. The tree was tastefully adorned with many beautiful and valuable presents. A Christmas tree at Brothel's, last Saturday night, delighted the hearts of both young and old. Last Monday night, Miss Cleo Williams, one of our sweetest young ladies entertained delightfully, a number of her friends. On the same night the very young folks were made happy by a candy-pulling at Dr. W. P. McKee's. Master Joe McKee and Miss Lou McKee, "received" in a handsome manner. Chas. Kirtley, Secy, better known as "Uncle Charlie," passed his Christmas at the River, where he made the hearts of all happy by his genial presence.

—PERSONAL.—Miss Mattie Williams left last Monday morning, for Louisville, where she will attend school. Mrs. Jas. T. Adams, and her brother, Mr. Thomas S. Miller, of Lancaster, spent the holidays with their father, M. J. Miller, of this place. Mr. J. E. Bruce, of Stanford, passed through our town Tuesday, en route to Laurel county. He is engaged in purchasing hogs, which, he says, he would rather be a bull-buyer than a bull-dog. Bully for him! He is certainly a genial gentleman as "Pole Bull" himself, and is quite as entertaining as an "Irish bull."

—Linton, of New Hope, spent the holidays here, visiting his cousin, Mr. W. F. Linton. Miss Susie Woodard, one of the brightest beauties that adorn our neighboring village of Brothel's, leaves this week for a visit to her friends in Lexington.

—If any volunteers are needed to crush the great rebellion that is brewing in Maine, Rochester will cheerfully furnish her quota, and more if need be.

—At the close of the school in the Massie District last week, the patrons were invited to, and witnessed a pleasing exhibition, consisting of essays, dialogues, choruses, tableaux, &c. The exercises passed off pleasantly, and reflected great credit on the value-taking teacher, Miss Elbe Owen.

—ELECTIONS.—At a meeting of Ashland Lodge, No. 370, F. & A. M., at this place, on the 23th ult., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Willis Griffin, W. M.; Willis Adams, Jr., S. W.; Sam M. Bartlett, J. W.; D. N. Williams, S. E.; Wm. Weber, T. W.; P. McKee, S. D.; F. L. Thompson, J. D.; R. Moore, S. & T. At a meeting of Brothel Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., on same day, the following were elected officers for a like period: L. B. Carter, W. M.; R. T. Humphill, S. W.; J. N. Newland, J. W.; J. O. Garner, S. E.; S. Frith, T. W.; B. Sayers, S. D.; John Sigmon, J. D.; W. B. Smith, S. & T. The following gentlemen were the officers of the Sunday School at this place for the six months beginning Jan. 1st, 1880: W. M. Weber, Superintendent; M. F. Brinkley, Assistant Superintendent; Sam M. Bartlett, Secy.

—MISCELLANEOUS AND CANTANERIES.—Samuel Swaine, not an amorous swain, but a festive youth of this place, has been trying to eclipse the reputation of Jack Sheppard. Not less than four burglaries have been committed in the town during the past year. Last Winter, the stores of J. E. Vowels and W. M. Weber were broken into and robbed in the night. A month ago the store of Williams & Miller was broken into and robbed of money and clothing. The thief left behind him a letter in which he informed the proprietors that if they made any fuss about the burglary, he would burn the house the next time he came. Whether from fear or from what cause, I know not, Messrs. W. & M. did not divulge the news of the robbery, but kept the same a profound secret. Last Wednesday night, Christmas eve, the drug store of Willis Adams, Jr., was entered by burglars who stole several hundred dollars worth of goods. The stores of J. E. Vowels and W. M. Weber were broken into and robbed in the night. 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